

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
**MINUTES OF AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

March 12, 2008  
Second Floor  
Board Room 4

Perimeter Center  
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Richmond, Virginia 23233

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**CALL TO ORDER:** A working meeting of an ad hoc committee of the Board of Pharmacy for the purpose of discussing the possible need to require continuous quality improvement programs was called to order at 1pm.

**PRESIDING:** Gill B. Abernathy, Committee Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael E. Stredler  
David C. Kozera  
Jennifer H. Edwards  
Brandon K. Yi

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Scott Russell, Executive Director  
Caroline D. Juran, Deputy Executive Director  
Cathy Reiniers-Day, Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine J. Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Vicki Garrison, Inspector

**DISCUSSION:** The committee discussed various ways for reducing medication errors and improving patient safety. It was determined that Board staff should draft legislative proposals for 2009, one requiring pharmacies to establish and maintain a continuous quality improvement program with the statute very general, and give the Board the authority to promulgate regulations specifying details. The second proposal would be to require mandatory reporting of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are considered unsafe to practice for reason of impairment, incompetence, etc. in any setting similar to current requirements for hospitals to report. The legislative proposals will be presented to the full Board in June 2008.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30PM.

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Elizabeth Scott Russell  
Executive Director

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Bobby Ison, Chairman

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Date